New baby on the way? Don't forget to enroll in TRICARE

Anticipation of a newborn can be wrought with anxiety and enthusiasm. But don't let time slip away before enrolling your little one in TRICARE's Prime health care plan.

Under TRICARE's policy, parents now have **60 days**—no longer 120 days—from the birth or adoption of TRICARE-eligible children to enroll them in TRICARE Prime to help avoid delays or gaps in processing health care claims and be eligible for Prime benefits.

To register, obtain a copy of either:

- The child's birth certificate; OR
- Certificate of live birth; OR
- Adoption papersAND
- DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card and DEERS enrollment)
  This form must be notarized if new enrollee does not reside with the sponsor.

File these forms with the base personnel office. If the sponsor is deployed or TDY, the other parent or a guardian should be prepared to show power of attorney to register.

With unique issues brought about by deployments, the enrollment time may be extended in certain cases.

For questions about TRICARE coverage, visit www. triwest.com, call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378) or contact the DEERS support office at 1-800-538-9552 from 6 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday.



